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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: BREZHNEV VISIT: ALL'S WELL THAT TRENDS WELL

1. I CALLED TODAY ON FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS. (SEE SEPTEL) PER INSTRUCTIONS I ASKED FOR A MEETING LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (TUESDAY). HE CALLED THIS MORNING TO SAY COME AT NOON. HE OPENED BY SAYING HE WOULD LIKE TO TELL ME ABOUT SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S VISIT AS IT HAD SO FAR PROGRESSED AND SEEMED TO BE PROGRESSING.

2. HE WAS EXPLICIT THAT HE WAS TELLING ME CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN HE WOULD NORMALLY FEEL FREE TO TELL AN AMBASSADOR AND THAT HE WAS DOING SO IN VIEW OF THE GREAT COURTESY SHOWN HIM WHEN HE WAS IN THE UNITED STATES. (MEANING, CLEARLY, HIS VISIT WITH THE SECRETARY.)

3. HIS FIRST POINT WAS THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD ON MORE THAN SEVERAL OCCASIONS GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO STATE THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THEY ATTACHED TO DETENTE WITH THE UNITED STATES. ESPECIALLY THE JUNE TREATY ON THE
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PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR. TRANSLATED FROM THE RUSSIAN THIS CAME OUT AS THEIR "HIGH APPRAISAL" OF DETENTE. AT THIS MOMENT (WEDNESDAY NOON) "THEY -- MEANING BOTH

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SIDES, AS BEST I COULD GATHER -- ARE CONSIDERING
LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUES -- TO BE ISSUED
TOMORROW -- WHICH WOULD SPECIFICALLY AND APPROVINGLY
CALL ATTENTION TO THE US-SOVIET DETENTE.

4. CONCERNING SOUTH ASIA, HE EXPLAINED THAT IN
YESTERDAY'S DISCUSSION THERE WAS MUCH TALK ABOUT
PAKISTAN AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE PAKISTAN'S
INTEGRITY. SHOULD PAKISTAN BREAK UP EVERYTHING,
INCLUDING AFGHANISTAN, WOULD SPRING APART. NEITHER
THEY NOR THE RUSSIANS WANT THAT.

5. WITH RESPECT TO THE ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY
PACT WHICH THE RUSSIANS HAVE ADVOCATED, THE
RUSSIANS HAD SHOWN GREAT CONCERN FOR INDIAN
"SENSITIVITIES" IN SUCH MATTERS AND HAD NEVER YET
EVEN RAISED THE SUBJECT OR USED THAT TERM IN PRIVATE
CONVERSATION. (MIND, KEWAL SINGH WAS NOT PRESENT
IN THE PRIVATE MEETING OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND
SECRETARY BREZHNEV YESTERDAY). HE STATED
THAT THE FIRST MEETING ON MONDAY HAD BEEN LARGELY
DEVOTED TO AN "EXPOSE" BY BREZHNEV OF THE HISTORY
OF SOVIET DEVELOPMENT, OF LENIN'S HOPES FOR INDIA,
ETC. (COMMENT: THESE SURELY WERE THE THEMES OF THIS
FORMAL AND INFORMAL REMARKS IN PUBLIC). ON TUESDAY
THE RUSSIANS SPOKE MOSTLY OF DETENTE.

6. FOUR DOCUMENTS WOULD BE SIGNED. NOT LEAST BECAUSE
IT IS NECESSARY TO SIGN SOMETHING IN THE COURSE OF
SUCH VISITS. ONE, A CONSULAR CONVENTION. ("I
BELIEVE YOU HAVE SIGNED ONE WITH THE USSR. WE HAVE
NONE AS YET. WE FOLLOW THE VIENNA CONVENTION,
WHICH THEY HAVE NOT SIGNED".) TWO, A SHIPPING
AGREEMENT. ("WE ARE TRYING TO DEVELOP OUR SHIPPING.
THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE MOVEMENT OF SHIPS AND SUCH.
YES TO MY QUERY -- YOU WOULD CALL IT A MARITIME
CONVENTION".) THREE, A FISHERIES AGREEMENT.
("WE ARE TRYING TO DEVELOP OUR FISHING. WITH A
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TWELVE MILE LIMIT YOU HAVE PEOPLE FISHING IN YOUR
BACKYARD".) FOUR, A LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT.
THIS, HE SAID, WAS A PROPOSAL OF THE RUSSIANS.
EARLIER INDIAN PRESS STORIES HAD SPECULATED ON A
FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT. BREZHNEV HAS EVIDENTLY RAISED
THIS TO A FIFTEEN-YEAR AGREEMENT. I SAID THAT
IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A PLANNED ECONOMY YOU
HAVE TO PLAN.

7. I SAID I INFERRED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO
DISCUSSION OF BASES OR ANYTHING OF THAT SORT. HE

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SAID ABSOLUTELY NONE. (AGAIN, HE WAS NOT PRESENT
AT YESTERDAY'S PRIVATE MEETING). BUT I SHOULD
INSERT A NOTE OF CAUTION HERE AS MATTERS OF DEFINI-
TION BECOME IMPORTANT. FISHING AND SHIPPING
AGREEMENTS CAN COVER MANY THINGS. INDEED WE HAVE
AN INTRIGUING INTELLIGENCE REPORT WHICH HAS THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY IN A PLANNING DOCUMENT EXPLORING
THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING SOVIET REQUESTS FOR
PORT FACILITIES FOR SOVIET MERCHANT, FISHING, AND
NAVAL VESSELS. BUT THEN, WE HAVE ANOTHER WHICH
SAYS THAT THE SHIPPING AGREEMENT WOULD FACILITATE
THE VESSELS OF SHIPPING COMPANIES (ONLY) OF BOTH
COUNTRIES. I RATHER DOUBT THAT ANYTHING THIS
OMINOUS WILL BE AGREED UPON. CERTAINLY THE TONE OF
PUBLIC APPEARANCES TO DATE SUGGESTS NOTHING OF THE
KIND. KEWAL SINGH REPEATED THAT INDIA JUST WOULDN'T
ACCEPT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, WITH ANYBODY, FOR WHATEVER REASON.
WE SHALL SEE.
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